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DOT-E 6691
(SIXTH REVISION)

EXPIRATION DATE: April 30, 2002

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Praxair, Inc.
Danbury, CT

(See Appendix A to this document for a list of additional grantees)

2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:

- a. This exemption authorizes the transportation in commerce of certain Division 2.1 and 2.2 gases, as specified in paragraph 6., below, in DOT Specification 3A or 3AA, and ICC 3, 3A or 3AA cylinders manufactured on or before December 31, 1945, and which have been retested at least every 10 years. This exemption provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
- b. The safety analyses performed in development of this exemption only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.

3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.

4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 172.203(a) in that the exemption number is not required to be indicated on the shipping paper, and § 173.34(e)(16)(i)(A), in that cylinders manufactured on or before December 31, 1945, and otherwise conforming to the requirements of § 173.34(e)(16) may be retested every 10 years instead of every five years.

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5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of Praxair Inc. dated May 31, 2000, submitted in accordance with § 107.109.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

| Proper Shipping Name/ Hazardous Materials Description | Hazard Class/ Division | Identi- fication Number | Packing Group |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Gases, and gas mixtures specified in § 173.34(e) (16) (i) (B) | Division 2.1 or Division 2.2 | As appro- priate | N/A |

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

- a. PACKAGING - Packagings prescribed are DOT Specification 3A and 3AA cylinders, and cylinders marked ICC-3, 3A or 3AA, with a water capacity of 125 pounds or less, manufactured on or before December 31, 1945.
- b. TESTING - Cylinders must be retested every 10 years in accordance with the applicable requirements of § 173.34(e), and must be in accordance with the Linde Division's "Inspection and Hydrostatic Testing Manual" on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and Approvals.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

- a. A person who is not a holder of this exemption who receives a package covered by this exemption may reoffer it for transportation provided no modifications or changes are made to the package and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.
- b. A current copy of this exemption must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.
- c. Except for the age limitation in 49 CFR 173.34(e) (16) (i) (A), cylinders must comply with all requirements of 49 CFR 173.34(e) (16).

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d. Packagings authorized herein marked "DOT SP 6691" prior to the issuance of this exemption may be transported under the terms of this exemption.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, cargo vessel, cargo aircraft only, and passenger-carrying aircraft.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: This exemption imposes no additional modal requirements.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this exemption and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:
 - o All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this exemption must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this exemption in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this exemption, including display of its number, when this exemption has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The carrier is required to report any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (Sections 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder(s) of this exemption must inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incident involving the package and shipments made under the terms of this exemption.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



Robert A. McGuire

for Acting Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety

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(DATE)

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for
Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs
Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.
20590.

Attention: DHM-31.

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Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.,
Washington, DC 20590-0001, Attention: Records Center, 202-366-
5046.

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The following are hereby granted party status to this exemption based on their application(s) submitted in accordance with § 107.107 or § 107.109, as appropriate:

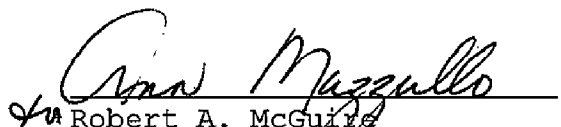
| Company Name City/State | Application Date | Issue Date | Expiration Date |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Aeriform Corporation Houston, TX | May 16, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| AGA Gas Inc. Cleveland, OH | Jun 7, 2000 | Aug 7, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| AGL Welding Supply Company, Inc. Clifton, NJ | Sep 14, 2001 | OCT 9 2001 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Airgas, Inc. Cheyenne, WY | Apr 13, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Albany Welding Supply Company, Inc., d/b/a AWESCO, Albany, NY | Apr 3, 2000 | May 12, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| ABCO Welding & Industrial Supply, Inc. Waterford, CT | May 1, 2000 | Oct 13, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Central McGowan St. Cloud, MN | May 8, 2000 | May 12, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Coastal Welding Supply, Inc., Beaumont, TX | May 2, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Gas Tech, Inc., Hillside, IL | Jun 9, 2000 | Jun 13, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Industrial Gas Dist. Billings, MT | Jun 16, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Jackson Welding Supply Co., Inc., Rochester, NY | Jun 30, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Matheson Tri-Gas East Rutherford, NJ | Mar 1, 2001 | Apr 11, 2001 | Apr 30, 2002 |

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| N.H. Bragg & Sons Bangor, ME | Jun 26, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Plattner Welding Supplies Inc., Coffeyville, KS | Sep 22, 2000 & Oct 18, 2000 | Oct 20, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| NexAir, LLC Memphis, TN | Apr 20, 2000 | May 12, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Praxair Distribution Inc, Tonawanda, NY | May 31, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Praxair Distribution Southeast, LLC Tequesta, FL | Aug 17, 2000 & Sep 28, 2000 | Oct 20, 2000 | May 30, 2002 |
| Praxair Puerto Rico, Inc. Gurabo, PR | Apr 20, 2000 | Aug 28, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Raimy Corporation d/b/a Welders Supply Erie, PA | May 31, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Southern Welding Supply, Inc., Savannah, GA | May 15, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |
| Valley National Gases, Inc., Wheeling, WV | May 5, 2000 | Jul 18, 2000 | Apr 30, 2002 |


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